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County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health Participates in 2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

San Bernardino. The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health in partnership with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) is coordinating the 2011 California Statewide Medical and Health Functional Exercise Program on Thursday November 17, 2011.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide an opportunity for local preparedness and response partners to test and evaluate current response concepts, emergency plans, and capabilities to respond to a medical or public health emergency due to disruption to the public water supply. The exercise will focus on communication, intelligence/information sharing and dissemination, Emergency Operations Center management, responding to a medical surge and mass fatality emergency.

The scenario will test the County's preparedness for a water disruption emergency, and its ability to provide water to the community to sustain service operations.

The objectives of the functional exercise are to:

- Test plans and procedures to determine the County's capability to sustain operations and services during a disruption to the public water supply.
- Further test the ability to process the request for resources.
- Test methods for redundant communication during an emergency.
- Test incident management within the County by activating and operating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

These types of exercises provide an opportunity for the County to coordinate resources within the Region and State, and to increase the capacity to respond to medical, public health and other emergencies within the County of San Bernardino.

For more information, please contact the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Preparedness and Response Program at (909) 252-4406.

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